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SUNNYSIDE GARDENS

Are located at No. 64 North Avenue. Visitors are welcome any day in the week. I grow more than 500 varieties of the best modern kinds, including a great many of the recent novelties of merit, and several thousand seedlings of my own raising.

IMPORTANT

Postage will be paid on all orders amounting to \$2.00 or more. Orders for less than \$1.00 are not accepted. 25% discount allowed on orders amounting to \$10 or more, except varieties priced **Net**. We begin shipping the middle of July and up to the first of September. To Southern States and the West Coast until late October.

SUBSTITUTES

Late orders should include a list of substitutes in case some varieties are sold out. Otherwise your money will be returned for varieties out of stock.

SHIPPING

None but fully matured and blooming-size roots, properly dried out before packing, are sent out. Fresh dug roots, packed too soon after digging, are liable to sweat in transit, if the weather is hot, especially if they are packed in a tightly-closed box with no ventilation. The rhizome then becomes soft, followed by rot, soon after planting. (Holes are always punched in the box to give free circulation of air). Always examine the rhizomes soon as received, and if they are not firm and hard return at once to the dealer you purchased them from.

JOIN THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

You will receive four Bulletins each year, chock full of Iris interest, all for \$3.00. Send your remittance to B. Y. Morrison, 821 Washington Loan and Trust Co. Building, Washington, D. C.

DYKES MEMORIAL MEDAL

The judges of the American Iris Society awarded the Dykes Memorial Medal to L. Merton Gage, for his Iris, Rosy Wings, as the most meritorious

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American Iris of 1939. This medal is presented by the Iris Society (British), yearly.

BRONZE MEDALS

The Bronze Medal of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society was presented to L. Merton Gage, for his Sunnyside Gardens Collection of Irises, in Boston, June 8th, 1932.

The Bronze Medal of the A.I.S. was awarded to Iris DAMERINE (Gage, 1939), at the GARDENS ON PARADE at the NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR, May, 1940. The winning stalk was exhibited by Mr. Kenneth D. Smith, Staten Island, N. Y., who received the Medal.

CULTURAL DIRECTIONS

Tall bearded Iris should never be planted in a location where water settles, and the melting snows of late winter form a coating of ice over the beds. If your garden is in a low place, build up the beds six or eight inches, and be sure that the drainage is adequate to allow water to go down through the soil freely.

Do not plant too deep, but so that the rhizome is just below the surface. Spread out the roots and water the hole. Then draw the earth around the rhizome and firm well, and do not water again unless there is a continued dry spell.

If the soil is heavy and drainage is poor, white (coal) ashes will lighten it, and the clinkers may be placed in the bottom of the bed, about 18 inches down for drainage. Do not use the red ashes if white are obtainable. There is a lime element in the white ashes that is absent in the red, and this seems to be just the right chemical compound that is beneficial to many plants, Irises in particular. Use freely. Well-rotted manure may be safely used, if it does not come in contact with the rhizomes.

There is no fixed rule as to how often Irises should be divided. Varieties that increase rapidly should be divided and reset every third year, some perhaps every second year, but Irises that increase slowly will sometimes do well for five years without being disturbed.

Irises do not bloom well in too shady a location, as they require plenty of sunshine. A southern exposure is best, and do not plant them on the north or west side of a building. When replanting an old bed add a good portion of fresh soil taken from some place in the garden where irises have not grown before. Late planted irises sometimes do not have time to grow good anchorage roots to protect them against spring heaving caused by alternate thawing and freezing, and it is advisable to mound up these plants at the time of planting as is done by hilling up potatoes, or, at least, before the ground freezes. Mulching or covering with boxes is also a good way to give them protection against heaving, but if boxes are used, put a stone or brick under one side to give them ventilation.

TALL BEARDED IRIS

Sunnyside Gardens' Introductions

FOR 1943

- ATROUS**—(Gage, 1943). Perhaps the darkest of all red-purples. Standards are blackish red-purple. The falls are a deeper red-purple than anything shown in the Ridgway Color Standards. It is almost a self and at a short distance appears to be a black Iris. Good size flowers, heavy substance and velvety texture. Midseason; 34-inch. NET\$15.00
- CAHITA**—(Gage, 1943). (Chief Sidar × Red Bonnet). The standards are light brown. Falls rich Bordieux, brownish red. Soft yellow haft and orange beard. Medium size flowers on tall, well branched stalks. Free blooming and early; 38-inch\$2.00
- GERTRUDE WELCH**—(Gage, 1943). Medium size flowers. The standards are deep olive buff and the falls are mauve with a border of light brown. The beard is pale yellow tipped with white. Style branches deep olive buff with mauve mid rib. Very prolific; 32-inch ...\$2.00
- NATALIE BALCOM**—(Gage, 1943). A lovely pink self of medium size. Pale lilac flushed with Lobelia violet fading out to almost true pink enhanced by a prominent deep orange beard. A pink GOLD STREAM. Free flowering. Midseason; 35-inch. NET\$5.00
- TANAGER**—(Gage, 1943). (Christabel × Red Bonnet). Fawn color flushed rosy red standards. The falls are deep Helebore red with a soft brown edge. Haft, buff yellow with soft brown venations. Light Cadmium beard. Early; 34-inch\$2.50
- L. MERTON GAGE**—(L-8) (Lapham). This is the Iris described by an eminent Iris breeder as the best of all the pinks. Fine shape, broad falls, excellent substance. Tall and fine stalk. 40 inches. According to the Ridgway chart, the standards are pale salmon color over pale masticot yellow. Falls Rosalane pink to broad hafts of Baryta yellow, reticulated Sayal brown; beard light cadmium. Large rhizomes carried three bloom stalks with seven large increase. H. M., A. I. S., 1942. Early. NET\$15.00

A Select List of Choice Irises

INCLUDING

Recent Introductions

- ANNA GAGE**—(Gage, 1941), (W. R. Dykes × Tarasca). The flowers are of good size and pleasing form, and the coloring is the most gorgeous of my recent introductions, with standards of Tawny Olive and flaring falls of rich Garnet Brown. Early; 35-inch \$6.00
- AUTUMN SUNSET**—(Lap.-Horton, 1942). A pleasing blend of gold, rose and lilac. A dependable fall blooming Iris of fine form, and heavy substance. Excellent, low branching. Midseason \$2.50
- BARBARA ELLEN**—(Gage, 1942). (Allumeuse × Silvanus). A beautiful blend. The standards are a golden tan faintly flushed Mauve. Falls, Hortense violet to amethyst violet. Golden yellow beard. Midseason; 33-inch \$10.00
- BARKREST**—(Gage, 1942). This is a very large rich red-purple self. The standards have a glistening sheen. Velvety falls, orange beard. Midseason; 36-inch \$3.00
- BROWN BONNET**—(Gage, 1941), (King Midas × Rosy Wings). Standards are dark Olive Buff. Falls Hay's Russet, a deep brown tone, and style branches golden orange. Beard orange bronze. Early; 28-inch \$7.00
- CAPTAIN WELLS**—(Cook, 1941). A deep glossy maroon purple self of beauty and distinct character \$8.00
- COPPER ROSE**—(Cook, 1941). A blending of old rose, tan and copper; a glow of golden yellow at center of flower. Midseason; 38-inch, \$10.00
- CROWN OF GOLD**—(D. Hall, 1941). (Golden Hind × Salutation). Very large flowers of splendid form. It is a deep yellow self, deep orange beard. Very early; 36-inch \$3.50
- EDWARD LAPHAM**—(Lap., 1942). Rated by outstanding Iris specialists as the reddest Iris of Mr. Lapham's fine group of red introductions. Distinctly different from other reds. Early, \$17.00
- HOOSIER SUNRISE**—(Lap.-Schreiner, 1942). A very large bloom of excellent substance. S. buff tinted pink. Falls are a lovely shade of pink. Midseason \$12.00
- JAMBOREE**—(Peckham, 1942). A floriferous pink and white bicolor. Late \$2.50
- KATHERINE GAGE**—(Gage, 1942). (Dorothy Dietz × Sir Michael). Standards domed, Bradley's violet. Falls Madder violet, flaring orange beard. Distinctive. Midseason; 34-inch. \$3.50
- LADY PRISCILLA**—(Gage, 1942). (Pink Satin × No-we-ta). A very dainty plicata of medium size flowers, with daintily frilled edges. Blossoms early on 32-in. stalks. Very fragrant. \$3.00

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- LADY OF SHALLOT**—(Schreiner, 1942). A charming and delicate new color in the plicata group with markings of dainty pink. Outstanding\$12.00
- MULBERRY ROSE**—(Schreiner, 1941). A most beautiful and unusual shade of deep pink. Tall with large flowers on well branched stalks,\$12.00
- NED LeFEVRE**—(Lapham, 1942). (Golden Flare × Lyndon). Huge plant with three tall well-branched stalks. The blooms are large, of distinctive form and excellent substance. Nine to 11 blooms. S. onion skin pink (coppery-salmon), flushed lilac. F. deep orange vinaceous (pinkish orange blend). Orange beard. Midseason. 36-inch\$12.00
- ORANGE BOY**—(Riedel, 1941). An orange-red blend with large, well-branched flowers. Mid-season\$5.00
- STARDOM**—(D. Hall, 1941). A fine, warm gold and copper blend. H. M., 1940. Midseason; 34-inch\$3.50
- THE PEARL**—(Gage, 1942). (Selene × Wasatch). Large flowers with pure white standards faintly flushed with pale ampero blue. Midseason; 36-inch\$2.00
- THREE SISTERS**—(DeForest, 1941). Standards are light cream. Falls bronze, overlaid Indian Lake (red). 11 to 15 flowers. Early; 35-inch,\$10.00
- WAKARUSA**—(Lapham, 1941). Skillful blend of most unusual color. Radiantly colored with velvety orange and vivid red. In effect, a burnt orange bicolor with velvety falls. Midseason; 34-inch\$10.00
- WAMBA**—(Gage, 1941). Practically a deep violet self with a coppery bronze beard. Good form and branching, velvety texture. Early; 32-inch,\$1.00
- WINTER SHADOWS**—(Peck-Bent, 1941), (Sensation × Crusader). A sparkling light grey-blue, slightly crinkled falls and standards with changing highlights like the winter shadows on the snow. Late; 38-inch\$10.00

GENERAL LIST OF

TALL BEARDED IRIS

- ALASTOR**—Brisk yellow and pink blend...\$1.50
- ALLUMEUSE**—Wisteria violet standards, pansy violet falls\$1.00
- AMIGO**—Light lavender violet to deep Hyacinth violet. H. M.\$1.00
- ANITRA**—Superfine soft blue self50c

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APRICOT —Solid golden apricot	75c
ARETHUSA —A Daphne red self, very large flowers. H. M.	\$5.00
AUGUST WAVES —Violet blend, summer bloomer	\$1.00
AUREATE —Medium yellow with finely serrated edges	\$1.00
AZTEC GLORY —A coppery pink blend. Highly recommended. Late	\$7.50
BELLE COVERT —Pink and lilac blend	\$1.00
BEVERLY —Pinkish fawn self. Late	\$2.00
BO PEEP —Cream color and pink	\$1.50
BRUNHILDE —Tall, dark blue-violet. H. M.	40c
CATHEDRAL DOME —A large, ruffled white. H. M.	75c
CAMEROUN —Violet and black purple	\$3.00
CHESTNUT HILL —Enormous deep yellow..	\$1.50
CHRISTABEL —The most popular red. A. M.	50c
CITY OF LINCOLN —Huge variegata	\$1.50
CLOVELLY —Grayish white flushed seafoam green	\$2.50
CLARET VELVET —Rich, velvety wine red self,	\$2.00
COPPER CRYSTAL —Blend of tawny brown, golden brown and red	\$2.00
COPPER PIECE —Blending of red, coppery red and blue	50c
CORONET —A soft blend of golden tan rose-beige and yellow	75c
CORTEZ —Dapper yellow and deep rose; crimson-purple falls	\$1.00
CRIMSON SUN —A rich crimson self	\$1.00
DAMERINE —Large, dark red self. Bronze medal at N. Y. World's Fair, 1941	\$2.00
DEEP VELVET —Rich, blackish red-violet ..	\$4.00
DIVINE EVADNE —Rose buff and yellow ..	\$1.00
DORIS M. TAYLOR —Rich, red-purple bicolor,	\$1.50
EDNA HICKS —Large flowers of pinkish lilac, pansy violet and dark purple	\$2.00
ETHELYN KLEITZ —Light Corinthian red and hydrangia red. Very distinctive. H. M.	\$5.00
EXCLUSIVE —A clear light blue. A. M.	60c
FAIR ELAINE —Soft cream standards and deep, rich yellow falls. Very fine. A. M.	\$2.00
FAVORI —Rich, deep pansy violet	50c
FRANCES DOUGLAS —A fine blend of golden tan, lavender blue and petunia violet....	\$3.50
FRANCESCA —A tall, stately self of deep Pompeian pink	50c
FRANK ADAMS —Very strong, four feet stalks, well branched. Standards maize yellow, falls vinaceous purple. A. M.	50c
FRENCH MAID —A rich blend of rosy bronze, Wisteria blue and gold	\$2.50
GLORIOLE —Very large flowers of light blue with a frosty sheen. A. M.	35c
GOLDEN LIGHT —Golden yellow with a rosy edging	35c
GOLDEN MADONNA —Combination of creamy white and primrose yellow. Early	\$3.00

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- GOLDEN MAJESTY**—Perhaps the best all-around yellow\$1.50
- GOLDEN TREASURE**—Enormous cream and gold50c
- GREAT LAKES**—Very large flowers of clear light blue. Dykes Medal, 1942\$1.75
- GUDRUN**—Very large, gleaming white. Dykes medal, 193235c
- HAZEL GALLAGHER**—An amazing blending of seven colors difficult to describe\$2.50
- HELEN M. RIEDEL**—Golden standards and orange red falls\$2.00
- HYLEPHILA**—Purplish lilac, brown and light yellow\$1.00
- ISHPANEE**—Standards yellow. Falls yellow with red patch50c
- ICY BLUE**—A self of palest blue dusted with frosty white. H. M.\$3.00
- JASMANIA**—Tall, deep yellow. A. M.35c
- JEAN CAYEUX**—Coffee brown with golden glint, 35c
- JEAN LAFITTE**—A fine coppery rose blend..35c
- JELLOWAY**—A clear, deep yellow35c
- JOANNA**—Velvety deep purple. Very fine..\$1.00
- LA LORRAINE**—Blending of fawn, copper-pink and heliotrope\$3.50
- LANCASTER**—A beautiful flower of lustrous, warm old rose\$7.50
- LATE SUN**—Rich, deep yellow. The best yellow I have seen\$3.00
- LIGHTHOUSE**—Bright rose and yellow blend.40c
- LILY PONS**—Buff, pink and rose pink30c
- LOUVOIS**—Havana brown and velvety Maroon, \$1.00
- MAID OF ASTOLAT**—A grand, big blue and white plicata50c
- MALLORCA**—A charming Iris that might be termed a pinker GLORIOLE\$1.50
- MARIE OF ROUMANIA**—A splendid white of good size50c
- MARQUITA**—Very large flowers of creamy white falls thickly lined ruby red50c
- MAUD DEMING**—A pink-toned blend35c
- MARY E. NICHOLLS**—Gleaming cream white self. Haft burnished gold. EXTRA\$2.00
- MELITZA**—A salmony flesh self. One of the finest pinks. H. M.\$5.00
- MICHELANGELO**—Large flowers of dark Vinaceous Gray. H. M.50c
- MISSOURI NIGHT**—Dark, rich, velvety indigo blue\$1.00
- MME. MAURICE LASSAILLY**—A bigger and taller AMIGO75c
- MME. ULMAN**—Blue and lavender blue.....50c
- MODISTE**—A smooth, silky lavender mauve.\$1.00
- MOONGLO**—A soft, yellow blend. Very fine. H. M.35c
- MORNING CHARM**—A Rhodonite pink self.\$1.00
- MOUNTAIN SNOW**—A glistening white touched with pearly pink75c
- NARAINÉ**—Early, pure Indigo blue35c
- NEOS**—An exquisite pink and yellow blend.\$1.00

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- NOONDAY SKY**—Very large flowers of lavender blue\$2.50
- NOVITIATE**—Tall, large, free-flowering white,\$1.00
- NYLON**—A light brown blend with a rosy flush,\$3.00
- OSCEOLA**—A sky blue self with crinkly texture,35c
- OZONE**—A beautiful mauve-toned blend35c
- RADIANT**—S. burnished golden bronze. F. orange red. H. M.\$1.00
- RED BONNET**—Dark red self. One of the purest reds50c
- RED GLEAM**—A very brilliant red Iris. A. M.,\$3.00
- ROSY GLOW**—Ivory white, edged violet purple,35c
- ROSY WINGS**—Blending of brown and pink. Dykes Medal and A. M., Royal Horticultural Society and the Iris Society (British)35c
- SABLE**—Deep violet self. Very fine. A. M. Am. Iris Society. C. M. Rome\$1.50
- SALAR**—Gay tones of flesh, cream and salmon,\$5.00
- SANDIA**—A bright, clean deep pink blend...35c
- SETTING SUN**—Velvety orange-red\$1.00
- SHANNOPIN**—Tall cream and pink, outstanding,\$3.50
- SILVANUS**—Blending of old gold and Saccardo's violet. Very extra35c
- SIR KNIGHT**—A large, deep blue self.....35c
- SIR LAUNCELOT**—A rich, gold brown35c
- SNOWKING**—Large, pure white flowers35c
- SORDELLO**—A smooth, deep olive buff self. Very late50c
- SPUN GOLD**—Tall, velvety clear, deep yellow. One of the finest\$10.00
- STAINED GLASS**—Brilliant coppery-red self,\$1.25
- SUMMER TAN**—Golden tan blend35c
- SUNDANCE**—S. deep golden tan; F. golden tan with reddish mahogany tone. H. M.\$5.00
- THE BISHOP**—A smoothly finished, intense Bishop's purple50c
- THELMA JEAN**—Rich petunia-violet. Immense flowers. Very early\$1.50
- TREASURE ISLAND**—Golden yellow and creamy white50c
- TREASURE TROVE**—An Iris of NARANJA coloring, differently arranged. Fine\$1.00
- TYRIAN BEAUTY**—A light reddish purple self,\$2.00
- WABASH**—A clear amoena, pure white with falls of Hyacinth blue\$1.00
- WAVERLY**—Large, fine, medium blue75c
- WAMBA**—Practically a deep violet self\$1.00
- WEST POINT**—A large, rich indigo blue ..\$3.00
- WILLIAM CAREY JONES**—One of the finest cream-colored Irises40c
- WINTER MOON**—Large, cream white. Fine.40c

SUNNYSIDE GARDENS, NATICK, MASS.

Varieties at 25c Each

SIX FOR \$1.00. TWELVE FOR \$1.50

Not subject to other discounts

- AIRY DREAM**—Clear, cool orchid pink
ALICE HARDING—A soft yellow
ALINE—Azure blue
ALLURE—Canary yellow
AMBROSIA—Satiny whitish pink
ANDELIA—Plicata, fine fragrance
BEOTIE—Metallic elephant grey
BLUE JUNE—A bluish lavender self
CALIFORNIA GOLD—Orange yellow self
CHALLENGER—Dark Purple and dark blackish violet
CHIEF SIDAR—Similar to DAUNTLESS, much freer blooming
CLARIBEL—A large flowered plicata
CORALIE—Pale red. Dykes Medal
CREOLE BELLE—Satiny Bishop's purple self
CRYSTAL BEAUTY—A large pure white
DEPUTE NOMBLOT—Two shades of purple.
DESERT GOLD—One of the largest yellows.
DOLLY MADISON—Lilac Flushed Blue
DYMIA—A very large, dark purple self
ECLAT—Wax yellow overlaid with pink.
ELKHART—Chestnut-red, velvety falls
ETHELWYN DUBUAR—The largest of the pinks.
GOLD STREAM—Lovely, soft yellow.
HERMENE—Tall, satiny, deep pink blend
INDIAN HILLS—A rich, clear, purple self
ITASCA—A vivid deep amethyst self
JERRY—One of the most brilliant red Irises
JOYCETTE—A remarkable Iris of red tones
KING JUBA—Gold and maroon variegata
KING MIDAS—Golden buff and garnet-brown.
Golden orange beard
LADY GAGE—Best of the garden whites
LEGEND—S. are bluish purple with a bronzy sheen. F. deep rich purple
LODESTAR—S. lemon chrome. F. velvety claret
LOS ANGELES—Giant white, edged pale blue
MARY BARNETT—Light Bluish Lavender
MARY GEDDES—Salmon; F. overlaid with Pompeian red. 40 inches
MONOMOY—A large, very deep blue violet
MOUNT ROYAL—Deep Pansy Violet. EXTRA
NORMA GAGE—A lovely little pink and white intermediate
NYMPH—Empire Yellow. Fine intermediate
PARTHENON—(Con., 1934). A tall, cool white
PAULETTE—Light blue, mammoth flowers
PEACHES—Peach, apricot and orange tone
PICADOR—Large, fine variegata
PRAIRIE ROSE—Pinker than Rheingauerie
PRES. PILKINGTON—Blend of buff and lavender
PURPLE GIANT—Enormous dark blue-purple flowers
RAMESES—Blending of gold, pink and apricot
RED DOMINION—(Ayres). Velvety blood red
RED ORCHID—A beautiful Violet Carmine

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- RHEINGAUPERLE**—Dainty orchid pink
SAN FRANCISCO—Large white flowers, edged lavender
SERENITE—Big, lavender blue and gold
SHAH JEHAN—Rich Oriental coloring
S. DE L. MICHAUD—Enormous Sky Blue
SOUTHLAND—Fall bloomer. Lemon Chrome
SPOKAN—"The most brilliant of red-browns."
SUNMIST—Large, creamy, white flowers flushed with yellow
TARASCA—Dark brown, F. violet carmine
THEODOLINDA—Large, white plicata
THURATUS—A large, black purple self
TRUE CHARM—White with the margins Lavender
UKIAH—Rich red and brown tones
WASATCH—Huge, glistening white, marked with clear blue
YVONNE PELLETIER—Pale blue; tall

The above list is not subject to further discounts

IRIS SIBIRICA

- CAESAR'S BROTHER**—(Morg., 1932). The darkest and best Siberian; black pansy-purple; tall and late blooming\$1.00
GATINEAU—(Pres.-Kellogg, 1932). Medium blue in color, and the largest bloom we have seen in this class. 42 inches. H. M., A. I. S., 1933.\$1.00
GRAMINEA—(Spuria). Odor of ripe apricots; charming for flower arrangement50c
KINGFISHER—Large, dark blue flowers on stems over 4 feet tall.....35c
NATICK—(Gage, 1933). A large, beautiful, clear blue of fine form50c
OPAL BLUE—(Sturt., 1933). A delightful new Iris of clear sky blue; large flowers on medium stems75c
PEGGY PERRY—(Per., 1912). Ruffled blue; white center30c
PERIWINKLE—(Clev., 1929). One of the best dark purples50c
PERRY'S BLUE—Clear tone of China blue. 48 inches25c
SNOWCREST—(Gage, 1932). Sib. This is similar in color to Snow Queen, of which it is a seedling, but it is taller and freer flowering. Height 38 inches50c

Siberian Irises and species shipped in Spring and Fall. April and September preferred.

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